

REMARKS

Claims 9 -26 are pending. Claims 1 - 8 have been canceled and new claims 9 - 26 have been added to eliminate the use of multiple dependent claims and to place the claims in a form which comports with established U.S. claim practice. The application has also been cross-referenced to a related application, and headings have been added to the specification to conform to U.S. format.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that further amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner believes that a personal interview would be advantageous in order to more expeditiously resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (Attorney Docket No. T2147-908580) and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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